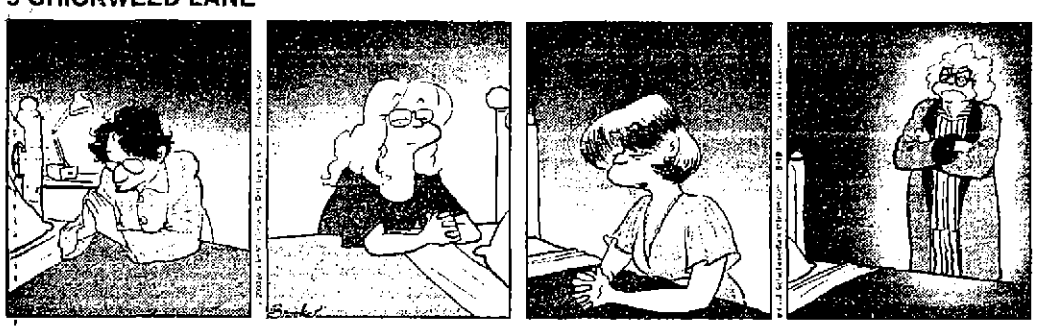
BLONDIE

SALLY FORTH

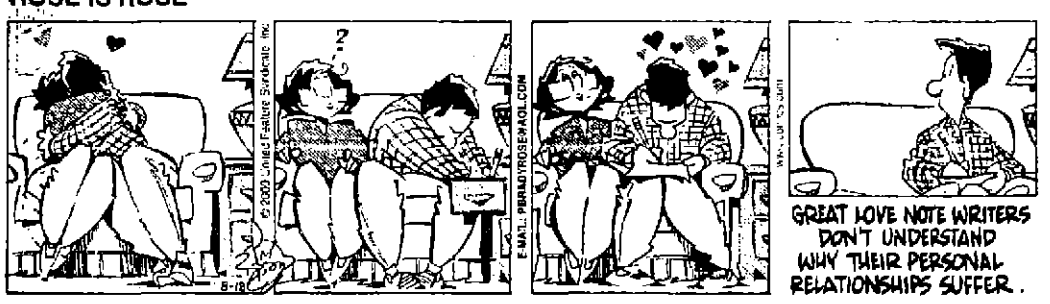
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

9 CHICKWEED LANE



JUMP START

ROSE IS ROSE



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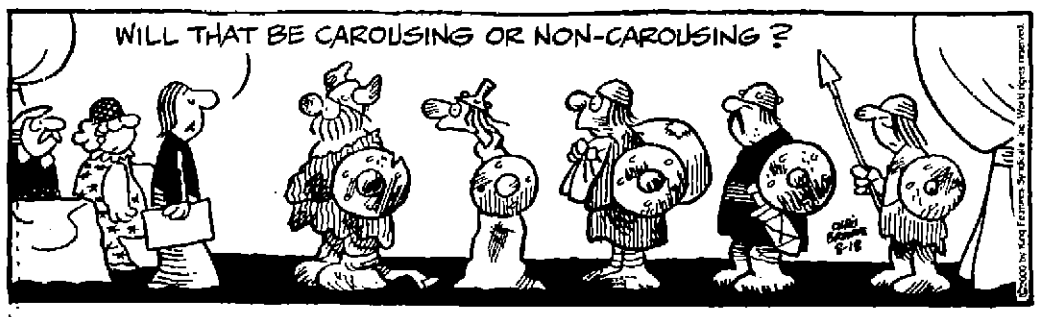

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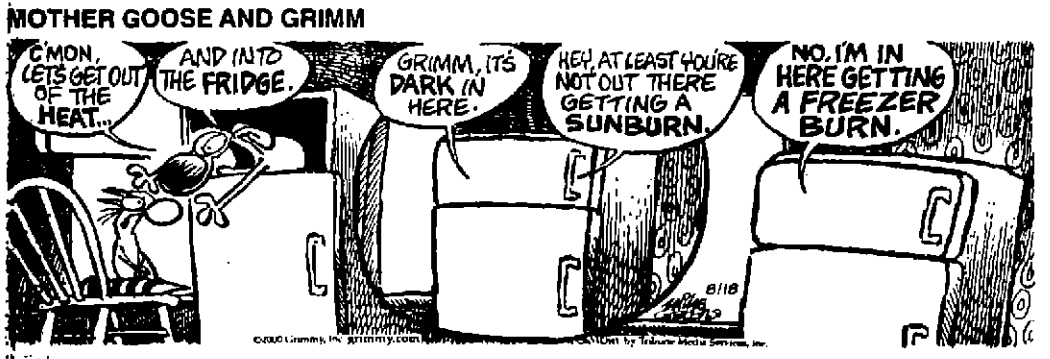
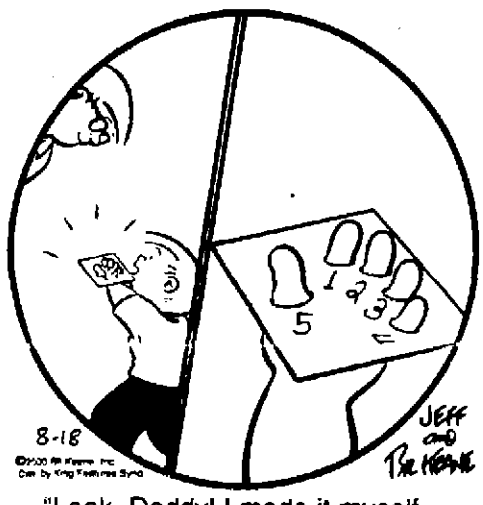


DILBERT

DENNIS THE MENACE

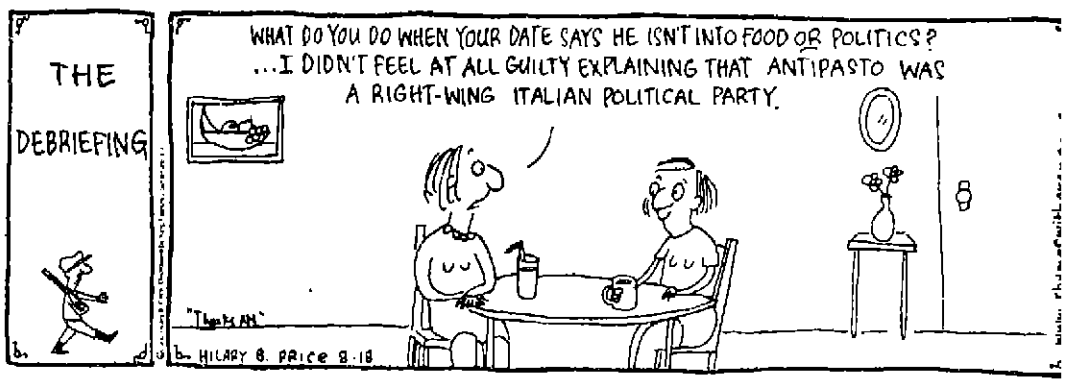
"TO BE HONEST, JOEY, I THINK YOU DID BETTER WORK WHEN YOU WERE THREE."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"Look, Daddy! I made it myself — a digital calculator!"

RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH

"Frankly, I'm nervous around people myself."

Today's Birthdays

Actress **Shelley Winters** is 80. Former first lady **Rosalynn Carter** is 73. Movie director **Roman Polanski** is 67. Actress **Gail Fisher** is 65. Actor **Robert Redford** is 63. Singer **Johnny Preston** is 61. Actor **Christopher Jones** is 59. Actor-comedian **Martin Mull** is 57. Singer **Nona Hendryx** is 55. Actor **Patrick Swayze** is 48. Actress **Madeleine Stowe** is 42. Rock singer-musician **Zac Maloy** (The Nixons) is 32.

I NEED HELP

Dating service drug screening.

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I1	A1	E1	L1	M3	D2	P3		RACK 1
H4	T1	A1	D2	R1	E1	Y4	2nd Letter Triple	RACK 2
O1	A1	C3	F4	B3	N1	S1	4th Letter Double	RACK 3
V4	B3	A1	O1	E1	I1	S1	Triple Word Score	RACK 4

PAR SCORE 150-160

by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). **JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, Aug. 19

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Pay some attention to the way you look because other people will notice your appearance.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your creative powers are awake, but they need to be cultivated in order to flourish.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Set your priorities and stick to them for maximum results.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Employ tact in all interpersonal communication.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You are positively bursting with enthusiasm and energy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Do something totally for yourself, but don't be too flamboyant.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) It is not advisable to be demanding in personal relationships.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) There really is no conspiracy against you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Using your energy productively will give you long-term satisfaction.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Use humor to get through the most stressful times.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Let yourself be buoyed and inspired by interactions with friends and co-workers.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Use restraint in all facets of life, but be forceful when necessary.

WORD SLEUTH

REMOVE "ST" TO MAKE A NEW WORD

W	K	H	E	B	Y	V	S	P	M	J	H	E	B	Y
H	C	R	A	T	S	V	S	T	S	Q	O	L	I	G
D	B	Y	W	S	T	T	T	T	R	P	S	S	M	K
E	S	I	F	S	S	Y	R	D	B	Y	T	T	W	U
S	D	T	Q	O	T	E	A	O	M	A	R	O	S	K
I	F	I	U	D	A	A	N	W	B	B	A	P	G	Z
X	W	U	R	M	M	S	G	L	R	E	I	K	N	Q
O	N	L	S	T	P	J	E	E	L	I	N	N	I	H
Y	K	C	I	T	S	S	R	F	D	I	A	I	R	D
C	A	Y	W	V	T	S	Q	P	N	L	T	T	T	K
I	H	F	E	C	B	Z	E	P	I	R	T	S	S	Y

Thursday's unlisted clue: LINEUP

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue hint: STIFFENS YOUR COLLAR

Stable	Sticky	Stranger	Stripe
Staged	Stillness	Streams	Strobe
Stairway	Stinkpot	Stride	Slumps
Stamps	Strain	Strings	

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ACES

By Bobby Wolff

A duplicate player might try for all 13 tricks, aiming at a good score. He wins his spade ace, cashes two high trumps and two high clubs, and ruffs a club. Had clubs been 3-3, he would draw the last trump with dummy's jack and claim 13 winners. With clubs 4-2, he crosses to dummy's trump jack and tries a diamond finesse. All goes wrong, and the slam goes one down. The candidate for the high-stakes game didn't try for all 13 tricks. After cashing his two top trumps, he ducked a club completely. East won and rudely led a third trump. This removed a vital dummy entry to dummy's long club, resulting in the same one down. What was the "minor" detail South overlooked? Instead of cashing his ace and king of trumps, South should cash only his ace. Then he ducks a club completely, and East has no counter. South wins East's trump exit (he would refuse to finesse if East led diamonds) and leads a club to dummy's ace. He ruffs a low club to establish dummy's fifth club, and he still has a trump entry to dummy. On dummy's two good clubs, South discards a diamond and a spade, qualifying him for a seat in the high-stakes game.

NORTH ♠ 7 6 5 ♥ J 5 2 ♦ 6 3 ♣ A K 8 4 2 (10 in A)

WEST ♠ J 10 9 8 2 ♥ 3 ♦ K J 10 9 4 ♣ 9 5

EAST ♠ Q 4 ♥ 10 7 4 ♦ 8 7 5 2 ♣ Q J 10 6

SOUTH ♠ A K 3 ♥ A K Q 9 8 6 ♦ A Q ♣ 7 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
6 ♥	All pass		

Opening lead: Spade jack

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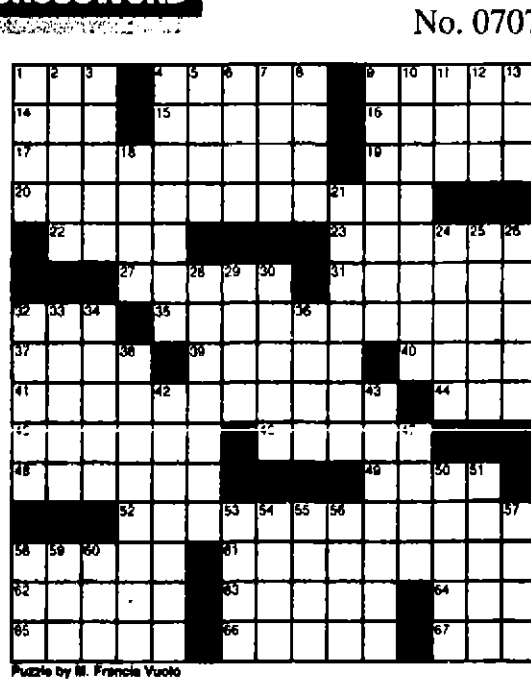
ACROSS

1 Golden item in a Rimsky-Korsakov title
4 It's a part of life
9 Bibliographical abbr.
14 With 47-Down, hot
15 Pacifists' protest
16 Dark times in Dijon
17 Like some genetic laws
19 Some are thrown for it
20 Became loaded
22 Gala's husband and portraitist
23 "Who Will Answer?" singer
27 Pro wrestling's "Raw ___"
31 "I'm all ears!"
32 Fed. auditors
35 Cardinal's title
37 Duke of ___ (Philip II's adviser)
39 Take care of a fly
40 Barely made it home?
41 Kind of engineer
44 Has too much, briefly
45 20 hundredweights
46 Ranger, e.g.
48 It bought Carnation in 1985
49 Charge
52 Theme of this puzzle
58 It gets many touchdowns
61 Capital
62 St. ___ (children's hospital)
63 It's everything
64 Howard Hughes acquired it
65 Dawn
66 Like a dragon
67 Pilothouse abbr.

DOWN

1 Part of S.E.C.: Abbr.
2 Start of a millennium
3 Press conference activity
4 Like the artist Rubens
5 Actress Taylor
6 Concern of optométrie
7 100 dinars
8 Years in Hadrian's reign
9 Ad infinitum
10 Beats
11 Half of a 1955 merger
12 Name in 1995 news
13 Kitchen amt.
18 Links locale
21 Like a mama's boy?
24 College near Palo Alto
25 Castilian hero
26 Olympic racers
28 Dried up
29 "___ sure you know . . ."
30 Defeat again, in a way
32 French-speaking locale
33 Dress with a flare
34 Woodwind section
36 Often
38 When "To be or not to be" is recited
42 Least profane
43 One way to be bound
47 See 14-Across
50 Certifies
51 Some races
53 They're coming out
54 Firm head
55 March Madness org.
56 Living ___
57 Warehouse
58 Concern of optometria
59 Barbarian
60 A lot of junk mail



Puzzle by W. Francis Vuolo

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

A	P	P	L	E	S		V	A	N	I	S	H	E	S
S	H	E	I	L	A		A	D	O	R	A	B	L	E
W	I	N	S	O	M	E	L	O	S	E	S	O	M	E
A	L	O	T		B	E	L		E	S	E			
N	I	L		G	O	L	E	M			S	I	N	G
	P	U	S	E		J	A	M	B		N	E	A	
		G	O	O	D	C	O	P	B	A	D	C	O	P
S	K	I	D	D	O	O		L	A	T	R	I	N	E
H	E	S	A	I	D	S	H	E	S	A	I	D		
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G	O	S	H			S	C	O	A	N		N	A	M
			O	R	B		T	O	E		E	T	N	A
O	N	A	G	A	I	N	O	F	F	A	G	A	I	N
P	O	M	A	N	D	E	R		E	A	G	L	E	S
T	R	I	N	K	E	T	S		H	A	S	S	L	E

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